Montana State Library Central Services Fiscal Year 2018

Green (no font distinction) – activity progressing as expected.

Yellow (italicized) – activity may be delayed but the delays do not necessarily rise to the level of Commission concern

Red (bolded) – activity is delayed and Commission attention is warranted

Blue (underlined) – addition or change to the original work plan.

Strategic Framework – Fostering Partnerships

Activities:

• Build an intranet site for cross-agency documentation

Inputs	Outputs	Outcomes	Impacts
IT staff, Erin Fashoway, other staff as necessary	A new Intranet that allows all state employees to access documents related to our ESRI ELA. Future documents used by staff of other state agencies will be added in the future.	MSL staff efficiently share and receive information about the services we administer for other state agencies.	Improved efficiency in other state agencies results in a greater degree of future collaboration
		State employees have improved access to self-service documents.	
		State employees report improved satisfaction in the efficient administration of State Library Services.	

No activities have taken place on this work plan item; this work plan item remains important but it is not a priority at this time.

Strategic Framework – Secure sufficient and sustainable funding

Activities:

• Offer quarterly training sessions to State Library staff

Inputs	Outputs	Outcomes	Impacts
Time of Kris Schmitz, Marlys Stark, Colleen Hamer, Carol Churchill, Evan Hammer, Tracy Cook, Jennie Stapp, and other staff as necessary	Trainings and training materials for the various sessions: Budget/Funding, Purchasing, Staff Handbook, Travel, FMLA, State Library programs	Managers are confident in their ability to implement policies consistently and fairly.	MSL staff is more knowledgeable which leads to more effective and efficient in their work. Staff feels more comfortable and confident in their work.
Activity progressing as expected.	- Stapp presented an overview of the State Library at the February 22 all staff meeting.	Staff report increased awareness and understanding of State and State Library policies and satisfaction in how they are treated as State Library employees.	
		Staff and management find increased opportunities for cross-program collaboration that can lead to improved program development	

We began training at the February All Staff meeting but at subsequent staff meetings we have focused our agendas on Legislative activities and budget reductions. Once our budgets are stable we will resume this activity.

Policy review

 July update – review is delayed due to lack of staff time. Staff time over the past two months has been focused on implementing budget reductions. Additional policies now require review to merge Digital Library and Talking Book Library policies for collection development and circulation.

Inputs	Outputs	Outcomes	Impacts
			MSL staff is more
Lead Kris Schmitz, various			knowledgeable about
staff			policies which leads to
		Employees have a current and	more efficient and
Activity progressing as		accurate policy guidance and staff	effective manner to
expected.	New online staff handbook	handbook	complete their work

No activities have taken place on this work plan item; this work plan item remains important but it is not a priority at this time.

- Develop a standardized human resources recruitment package
 - July update review is delayed due to lack of staff time. Staff time over the past two months has been focused on implementing budget reductions.

Inputs	Outputs	Outcomes	Impacts
Time of Marlys Stark and			
Kris Schmitz			The State Library attracts,
	Standardized, easy to use	MSL management staff has the	develops, and retains a
Activity progressing as	package of recruitment and	tools they need to make the hiring	highly skilled and
expected.	hiring materials.	process smooth and efficient	dedicated workforce

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- Implement a social media marketing strategy
 - October update staff have discussed the need to develop and implement a social media strategy.
 Staff are beginning with a review and consolidation of certain social media sites to more easily administer our social media presence with limited staff resources.

Inputs	Outputs	Outcomes	Impacts
	Regularly recurring Facebook		Through social media,
	posts that are boosted when		patrons have access to
	appropriate to garner	Staffs see an increase in	the information they need
	attention to and use of State	engagement measures available	to understand and
	Library services and	through social media as the public	influence change in their
Time of staff as necessary	information	learn more about the State Library	communities

Research and training on the effective use of social media tools for marketing	Increased social media online communities foste engagement results correlates to increased demand for services. Through social media online communities foste partnerships that ensure that Montanans thrive.	
	Online communities develop and engage around State Library information resources and services	

Strategic Framework – Create a useful information infrastructure

Activities:

• Launch ASPeN (Applications, Services, Programs, and Network)

Inputs	Outputs	Outcomes	Impacts
IT staff, SLR staff, and other staff as necessary	A partial launch of ASPeN - Role out is delayed to allow for adequate testing. Delays are the result of limited staff time.	State Library staff benefit from the efficiencies of a single, fully-integrated, data driven administration system that allows for easier program planning and delivery.	Montana libraries receive an excellent return on investment from participating in MSL projects, programs, or services.
IT hardware & software	MSL staff have the ability to create forms and upload electronic resources w/o IT staff intervention.	Montana librarians report improved efficiency by making use of a tool that is a one-stop source for library and State Library information.	

SLR staff outreach to and, engagement by Montana library community members.	MSL staff have the ability to collect data about programs, projects or MSL services in ASPeN.	Montana libraries use ASPeN to efficiently share information with one another creating a collaborative knowledge base that improves efficiency of service delivery for all libraries.	
	MSL staff use ASPeN to share information with Montana libraries.	IT staff are able to reallocate former programming time to other services.	
		ASPeN is architected to make efficient use of data and IT resources, eliminated the need to create and maintain redundant IT systems.	
		State Library staff make data driven decisions about the services and resources we offer based on information that is effectively and efficiently managed through ASPeN	